

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1176 - SB 1165**

February 25, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Directs the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to conduct or commission a comprehensive statewide needs assessment of public transportation within the department's existing resources and report its findings on or before February 1, 2016. Requires the assessment to include the quantity and quality of existing transit service and its ability to meet the current and future demand for public transportation; demographic trends and travel patterns to determine how they will affect future demand for transit service; the impact of public transportation on economic development and job creation; and a financial analysis of current and future funding needs to provide adequate public transportation services.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – A shift of funds for an estimated \$500,000 from other planning work to the proposed purpose of conducting a comprehensive statewide needs assessment of public transportation.**

Assumptions:

- TDOT indicates an assessment of this magnitude is outside of the scope of what the department would normally do.
- TDOT indicates the department will utilize existing funding that would otherwise be used for planning work related to other local transit projects in order to complete the proposed comprehensive statewide needs assessment.
- Based on the information provided by TDOT, the one-time cost to conduct a needs assessment of this magnitude is estimated to be \$500,000.
- Utilizing \$500,000 of current funding for the purpose specified in this bill will prevent these funds from being utilized for other local transit projects which would otherwise be funded.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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